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00 (Headwaters of the Cullus River), <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=28899> (Kasauk Butte), <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=28897> (Many Lakes), and <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=28898> (Wechee Butte). Each EA and Decision document describes the important natural heritage elements that the RNA represents.

The draft decisions are subject to administrative review under 36 CFR 219, Subpart B. The objection process included in Subpart B of 36 CFR 219 gives an individual or entity an opportunity for an independent Forest Service review and resolution of issues before the approval of the plan amendment.

LEGAL NOTICE
Notice of
Opportunity to Object
RNA Establishment
Projects

Deschutes National Forest, Bend-Fort Rock Ranger District

This legal notice announces the availability of the Environmental Assessments and draft Decision Notices for the establishment of Research Natural Areas (RNAs) on the Bend/Ft. Rock Ranger District, Deschutes National Forest. The project's legal locations are: T20S, R8E, Sections 17, 20; T18S, R8E, Sections 9, 10, 15, 16; T20S, R7E, Sections 11, 12, 13, 14; and T20S, R13E, Section 29; Williamette Meridian.

Regional Forester James Pena, and Pacific Northwest Station Director Robert Mangold, have proposed a decision to implement Alternative 2 (the Proposed Action) for each of the RNA Establishment projects as described in the EAs. The decisions will authorize establishment of the four Research Natural Areas, which currently are "proposed" under the Deschutes Land and Resource Management Plan. The boundaries for each RNA would be modified to improve the ability to describe and identify them. Each RNA will become a part of a national network of ecological areas designated for research, monitoring, education, and to maintain biological diversity. The EAs and draft Decisions are available on the web at: <http://www.fs.usda.gov/project/?project=289>

Submit written objections to:

Regular Mail
USDA Forest Service
Attn: Objection
Reviewing Officer
1400 Independence Ave., SW
EMC-JAR,
Mailstop 1104
Washington, D.C. 20250

UPS/FedEx and Hand Deliveries
USDA Forest Service
Attn: Objection
Reviewing Officer
210 14th Street, SW
EMC-JAR,
Mailstop 1104
Washington, D.C. 20250

Individuals and entities who have submitted substantive formal comments related to this plan amendment during the opportunity for public comment may file an objection. Issues raised in objections must be based on previously submitted specific written comments regarding the proposed plan amendment and attributed to the objector, unless the issue is based on new information that arose after the opportunities for comment. The burden is on the objector to demonstrate compliance with this requirement for objection issues.

An objection must include a description of those aspects of the proposed plan amendment addressed by the objection, including specific issues related to the proposed plan amendment; if applicable, how the objector believes the environmental analysis or draft decision specifically violates law, regulation, or policy; suggested remedies that would resolve the objection; supporting reasons for the reviewing officer to consider; and a statement that demonstrates the connection between prior specific written comments on the particular proposed project or activity and the content of the objection, unless the objection concerns an issue that arose after the designated opportunities for comment.

All objections must be filed in writing with the reviewing officer for the plan amendment. Written notice of

Objections delivered by mail must be received before the close of the fifth business day after the objection filing period. Objections may also be hand delivered to the address above between 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday except legal holidays.

For emailed objections, please email to: objections-chief@fs.fed.us. Please put **OBJECTION** and "Headwaters Cullus River RNA" in the subject line.

Electronic objections must be submitted as part of an actual e-mail message, or as an attachment in Microsoft Word (.doc), rich text format (.rtf), or portable document format (.pdf) only. For electronically mailed objections, the sender should normally receive an automated electronic acknowledgement from the agency as confirmation of receipt. If the sender does not receive an automated acknowledgement of the receipt of the objection, it is the sender's responsibility to ensure timely receipt by other means.

Objections may also be faxed to: Chief Tiweli, Attn: Objection Reviewing Officer at (202) 649-1172. The publication date is the exclusive means for calculating the time to file an objection. Those wishing to file an objection should not rely upon dates or